

## **SAFETY DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE NOTICES RECEIVED DURING FEBRUARY 2008**

### **CHILD SEATS:**

RECARO is recalling 7,498 Signo and Como convertible child restraint systems with color model codes of 330.00 and 331.00, manufactured prior to December 18, 2007. The harness may become disconnected from the harness connector when a child is placed in or removed from the child seat. If the harness becomes disconnected and a vehicle crash occurs, the child may not be securely fastened to their child seat and may sustain injury. RECARO is issuing a free safety recall kit containing two rubber caps for installation on the harness connector along with an instruction sheet. Owners may contact RECARO at 1-800-8-RECARO or visit their website at [www.recaro.com](http://www.recaro.com). 08C-003

Combi USA is recalling 67,167 Centre, Centre ARB, and Shuttle infant child restraint systems, Model Nos. 8065, 8074, 8086, 8087, and 8520, and associated travel systems, Model Nos. 4400, 4515, and 4520, that contain Centre and Shuttle car seat models. This recall includes the entire production of these models from October 2005 through December 2007. In the event of a frontal crash, the car seat could potentially become separated from its base. Should the seat separate from the base in a crash, the child will not be adequately protected possibly resulting in injury. Owners should contact Combi to obtain a free retrofit kit. Until the caregiver receives the free retrofit kit, Combi recommends that the car seat be used without the base. The recall is expected to begin on March 3, 2008. Owners may contact Combi Consumer Relations Department at 1-800-543-7734 or visit their website at [www.combi-intl.com](http://www.combi-intl.com). 08C-004

### **EQUIPMENT:**

Sterlingtek is recalling 705 VOX motorcycle helmets, Model 803, sizes XL and XXL. These helmets fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, Motorcycle Helmets. In the event of a crash, the helmet may crack and not provide adequate protection to the wearer possibly resulting in injury. Sterlingtek will notify owners and replace the helmet free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Sterlingtek at 1-877-742-1700. This recall was the subject of an investigation, OA-218-070907, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance. 08E-012

Honda is recalling 2,032 hitch style bike racks sold for aftermarket use on MY 2003-2007 and some MY 2008 Honda Pilot, Ridgeline, and Acura MDX vehicles. A pinch bolt exists between the bike arm bracket and the upright assembly of the "hitch" style bike rack. When moving the bike arm bracket to its down position, this pinch bolt has the potential of causing severe laceration or amputation to the user's fingertips or hand. Owners should contact Thule at 1-800-848-5391 to obtain a free repair kit with repair instructions or owners may contact Honda at 1-800-999-1009 or Acura at 1-800-382-2238 for further information. 08E-013

Nissan is recalling 480 aftermarket hitch style bike racks, Part No. 999R5-AR000. These bike racks can be installed on MY 2002-2008 Nissan Quest, Murano, Frontier, Xterra, Pathfinder, Titan, Armada, and MY 2004-2008 Infiniti FX35, FX45, QX56, and QX4 sport utility vehicles. A pinch

bolt exists between the bike arm bracket and the upright assembly. When moving the bike arm bracket to its down position, this pinch bolt has the potential of causing severe laceration or amputation to the user's fingertips or hand. Nissan will notify owners and provide a free retrofit kit. The recall began on February 19, 2008. Owners may contact Nissan at 1-800-647-7261 or Infiniti at 1-800-662-6200. 08E-014

JLevi Streetwerks is recalling 60 high intensity discharge (HID) kits, models Prolumen Galaxy and Piccolo Compact, sold as aftermarket equipment for use on motor vehicles. These kits fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." The purpose of this standard is to reduce deaths and injuries from motor vehicle crashes by providing adequate illumination of the roadway. JLevi Streetwerks will notify owners and offer a full refund to all recipients of the noncompliant HID kits. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. This recall was the subject of an investigation, 0A-108-070724B, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance. Owners may contact JLevi Streetwerks at 1-888-553-8479. 08E-015

Hyundai is recalling 3,387 trailer hitch wiring harnesses either included with a trailer hitch or sold as a service part manufactured by Thule Towing Systems and distributed by Hyundai for installation on MY 2007-2008 Santa Fe and Veracruz vehicles. The accessory trailer hitch wiring harness converter module is mounted to the top surface of the rear bumper reinforcement. High current leakage or a short circuit of capacitor C1 could cause heat related damage to the wiring harness converter module. Excessive heat may cause damage to the rear bumper area and may potentially result in a fire. Hyundai will notify owners and will replace the trailer hitch wiring harness free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Hyundai at 1-800-633-5151. 08E-016

AM Equipment is recalling 1,877 wiper system assemblies, Part Number 238-1882, sold to Monaco Corporation for use on their motor homes. The drive motor link becomes disengaged during operation from the wiper drive arm where it attaches to the drive arm causing the wiper system to fail. When the wiper system fails, the operator will have reduced visibility which could result in a crash. AM Equipment is working with Monaco to replace these wiper system assemblies (please see 08V070). 08E-017

Bendix is recalling 1,457 MV-3 dash control valves manufactured from January 3 through January 22, 2008. Some of the units were sold for OEM applications on new motor vehicles and some were sold for aftermarket replacement equipment. An incorrect core pin in the injection mold of the molded valve body was used causing the valve body to be oversized in the double check valve seat area. This condition can allow the rubber double check valve to become lodged in the body opening under certain circumstances. If the double check valve becomes lodged, in the event of a primary reservoir failure, air pressure can leak past the lodged double check valve thereby depleting the secondary reservoir, causing a reduced ability for modulating the emergency brakes. Bendix will provide a remedy without charge for all affected MV-3 valves. Bendix will notify vehicle manufacturers immediately. Owners may contact Bendix at 1-440-329-9000. 08E-019

## **VEHICLES:**

Crane Carrier is recalling 672 MY 1999-2001 COE, MY 1999-2002 LDT, MY 2001-2007 LDT2, MY 1998-2003 LET, and MY 2001-2007 LET2 refuse cab and chassis for failing to comply with the brake release timing requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." The brake release timing was slower than required. This standard specifies performance and equipment requirements for vehicles equipped with air brake systems, including air-over-hydraulic brake systems, to ensure safe braking performance under normal and emergency conditions. Crane will replace several fittings and hoses which will increase the air flow and subsequently improve the brake release timing. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Crane Carrier at 1-918-832-7305. 08V-049

Coach House is recalling 29 MY 2007-2008 Platinum motor homes equipped with Atwood sealed burner ranges. The range and slide-in burner tubes leading from the gas manifold to the burner heads had a depression or "kink" in the exterior bend restricting proper airflow and gas mixture. This condition could result in carbon monoxide poisoning. Coach House is working with Atwood to have the tubes replaced on these ranges. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. This recall was the subject of EQ07-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Atwood at 1-800-348-7418 or Coach House at 1-800-235-0984. 08V-050

Ford is recalling 225,000 MY 1992-2003 Econoline, MY 1993-1995 Taurus SHO, MY 1992-1998 Crown Victoria, MY 1993 Bronco, F-Series, MY 1995-1997 F-Series Super Duty Stripped Chassis, MY 1992-1998 Mercury Grand Marquis, and MY 1992-1995 Lincoln Town Car vehicles. The affected vehicles were previously repaired using a wiring harness that is not compatible with the vehicle circuit polarity. As a result, the fuse is located in the output circuit rather than in the intended input power feed circuit, and may not offer the intended protection in the event of an electrical short to ground. Dealers will install a new wiring harness, or replace the mating electrical component. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673. 08V-051

Kawasaki is recalling 532 MY 2008 Ninja EX250J8F and EX250J8FL motorcycles. The tail light bulb may prematurely fail. Inappropriate lighting could reduce visibility creating the possibility of a crash resulting in injury or death. Dealers will replace the tail light bulb free of charge. The recall began on February 4, 2008. Owners may contact Kawasaki at 1-866-802-9381. 08V-052

New Flyer is recalling 431 MY 1996-2001 D60HF diesel transit buses equipped with a rooftop air conditioning evaporator. The evaporator drain lines make contact with components (ballast assemblies) within the interior lighting panel below the drain line port. This can result in either damage to the drain line, which introduces moisture into the lighting panel, or restriction of the line which results in a back-up and overflow of moisture through the fresh air return vent and back into the lighting panel. Moisture in sufficient quantities within the lighting panel may result in a shorting of the electrical components and a vehicle fire. New Flyer will incorporate an elbow fitting into the drain line where it enters the lighting panel from the roof which will promote clearance between the line and the ballast assembly. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. This recall was

the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE07-053, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact New Flyer at 1-204-934-4803. 08V-053

Damon is recalling 126 MY 2007-2008 Tuscany, MY 2008 Astoria and Astoria Pacific motor homes built on Freightliner chassis. The fasteners that attach the steering arm or tie rod arms to the spindle may be over or under-tightened. Incorrectly tightened steering arm fasteners may fatigue and fracture which could cause a crash without warning. Damon is working with Freightliner to repair these vehicles free of charge (please See 07V-306). The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. Owners may contact Freightliner at 1-800-547-0712 or Damon at 1-937-596-6849. 08V-054

Land Rover is recalling 12,353 MY 2008 LR2 vehicles built with a sunroof. Failure of either the left or right hand side sunroof guide rail can occur when the sunroof is operated. Excessive stress can develop in the over-molded bracket which could lead to cracking during normal sunroof operation. If cracks occur and propagate in a certain area of the guide rail, fragments of the plastic over-mold material may detach from the guide rail and obstruct the operation of the sunroof. The obstruction could cause the sunroof, when operated, to bind, twist, and potentially detach from the operating mechanism. If the sunroof is subsequently cycled and a vertical force applied, i.e., a customer manually aiding the roof to close or wind lift, the glass panel can become fully detached from the vehicle, increasing the risk of injury. Dealers will install retention inserts to both sides of the glass panel guide rails. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Land Rover at 1-800-637-6837. 08V-055

U.S. Drive Right is recalling 107 MY 1994-1998 right hand drive, 4-wheel drive Jeep Cherokee vehicles. These vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards No. 101, 'Controls and Displays;' No. 108, 'Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment;' No. 111, 'Rearview Mirror;' No. 114, 'Theft Protection;' No. 115, 'Vehicle Identification Number;' No. 118, 'Power Window System;' No. 120, 'Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles other than Passenger Cars;' No. 208, 'Occupant Crash Protection;' and No. 301, 'Fuel System Integrity,' These vehicles do not meet the required standards. U.S. Drive Right will make all the required modifications. A representative will travel to the customer's location and make the modifications on site. The recall will be performed on a regional basis beginning March 2008. This recall was the subject of an investigation conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance. Owners may contact U.S. Drive Right at 1-888-632-5936. 08V-056

Ford is recalling 57,199 MY 2006-2007 E-150, E-250, E-350, and MY 2007 Expedition and Lincoln Navigator vehicles equipped with 5.4L engines. The fuel rail cross-over hose may contain weak areas. As a result, the hose may crack, which could cause a fuel odor and/or fuel leak. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source could result in a fire. Dealers will replace the fuel rail assembly. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673. 08V-057

Ford is recalling 123,632 MY 2007-2008 Expedition and Lincoln Navigator vehicles. The door handle housing embossment retaining the bottom of the interior door handle spring on all side doors may fracture during normal customer usage. This can result in insufficient spring force to return the handle to the fully closed position. The handle may be loose causing a rattle or noise and the handle

may not return to the fully closed position. This condition may also provide a delayed resistance when actuating the handle prior to opening the door. In the event of a side impact crash, the interior door handle may cause the door latch to open increasing the risk of injury to a vehicle occupant. Dealers will replace the interior handle spring on all side doors. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673. 08V-058

Chrysler is recalling 1,338 MY 2008 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Commander vehicles. The front control module may have been incorrectly manufactured. This could cause the engine to stall while driving or not to start and/or cause the windshield wipers to become inoperative. Engine stalling or inoperative wipers could cause a crash without warning. Dealers will inspect the module and replace it if necessary. The recall began on February 18, 2008. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403. 08V-059

King of the Road is recalling 20 MY 2005-2007 Genesis G40QG, MY 2006-2007 G40QH, G40TF, and MY 2007 G40QI motor homes built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with ZF model 8018 steering gears. These gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer. This could potentially allow the recirculation balls to escape from the recirculation ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. The operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering. Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash. King of the Road is working with Freightliner and ZF to replace the steering gear (please see 07V343 and 07E049). This recall was the subject of EQ07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Freightliner at 1-800-547-0712 or King of the Road at 1-308-389-7200. 08V-060

Champion Bus is recalling 20 MY 2007-2008 M1235 buses built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with Bendix SR-7 spring brake modulating valves. The internal rubber check valve may leak causing a delay in the application of the spring brakes to park the vehicle after the operator pulls the dash valve button. This could cause a delay or failure in applying the parking brakes which could result in a vehicle roll away, increasing the risk of a crash. Champion Bus is working with Freightliner and Bendix to repair these vehicles (please see 07V302 and 07E037). Bendix will provide a check valve repair kit for the affected SR-7 spring brake modulating valve free of charge. Owners may contact Freightliner at 1-800-547-0712, Bendix at 1-440-329-9000 or Champion Bus at 1-937-596-6849. 08V-061

Blue Bird is recalling 45 MY 2008-2009 Micro-Bird school buses manufactured from October 1, 2007 through January 28, 2008, mounted on General Motors chassis with option 3016-05 or 30117-05 LED rear turn signals. These buses fail to comply with the flash rate requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." The subject lights operate at approximately 180 flashes per minute and the standard requirement is 60-120 flashes per minute. This standard specifies requirements for required original and replacement lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment and their installation. The purpose is to reduce traffic crashes, deaths and injuries resulting from crashes by providing adequate illumination of the roadway, and enhancing the conspicuity of motor vehicles on the public roads so that their presence is perceived and their signals understood, both in daylight and in darkness or other conditions of reduced visibility. Owners will be provided with a resistor to be installed in the

turn signal circuit which will bring the LED rear turn signal flash rate to standard requirements. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Blue Bird at 1-478-822-2242. 08V-062

MCI is recalling 24 MY 2008 D4500, D4505, and D4000ISTV coaches equipped with TRW steering gears, Model TAS85. These steering gears contain potentially defective sector shafts with an incorrect gear tooth which may interfere with the rack-piston teeth, resulting in a sticking or binding condition. This condition has the potential to cause the steering gear to stall and restrict the steering turning angle of the vehicle which could result in a vehicle crash. MCI is working with TRW to replace the defective steering gear (please see 07E101). The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA08-002, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact TRW at 1-765-429-1768 or MCI at 1-204-287-4982. 08V-063

Volkswagen is recalling 720 MY 2008 Audi TT coupe vehicles. These vehicles were produced with C-pillar trim cover clips that do not provide adequate retention. In the event of a deployment of the rear pyrotechnic safety belt, the C-pillar trim cover may become detached from the sheet metal due to low retention force of the trim clip. The detached trim cover could pose a risk of personal injury for vehicle front seat occupants. Dealers will install an improved clip on the affected vehicles. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact VW/Audi at 1-800-822-2834. 08V-064

PACCAR is recalling 6,169 MY 2008 Kenworth T300, T660, T800, T2000, W900 and C500 vehicles and MY 2008-2009 Peterbilt Models 365, 367, 384, 387, 388, 389 and 389K vehicles. Certain door latch assemblies on these vehicles fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 206, "Door Locks and Door Retention Components." The rotor in some of these door latch assemblies did not receive the proper heat treatment and may be soft. In the event of a crash, force could cause the rotor to crack and the door would not have primary or secondary closing security which could possibly lead to injury of the vehicle occupant. PACCAR is working with Trimark and will inspect and replace the door latch if it is found to be defective. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. Owners may contact Kenworth at 1-425-828-5440 or Peterbilt at 1-940-591-4201. 08V-065

Nissan is recalling 16,365 MY 2008 Infiniti EX35 and MY 2009 Nissan Murano vehicles. Due to incorrect software programming, the air bag control unit (ACU) may cause the passenger air bag not to operate as designed if the vehicle battery becomes significantly discharged. This could result in the passenger air bag not inflating in a crash in which it was designed to do so, increasing the risk of injury. Dealers will reprogram the ACU in affected vehicles. The recall began on February 19, 2008. Owners may contact Infiniti at 1-800-662-6200 or Nissan at 1-800-647-7261. 08V-066

Forest River is recalling 89 MY 2003-2008 Tsunami motor homes built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with ZF model 8018 steering gears. These gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer. This could potentially allow the recirculation balls to escape from the recirculation ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. The operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering. Loss of steering could

result in a vehicle crash. Forest River is working with Freightliner and ZF to replace the steering gear (please see 07V343 and 07E049). This recall was the subject of EQ07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Freightliner at 1-800-547-0712 or Forest River at 1-574-389-4600. 08V-067

Champion Bus is recalling 14 MY 2008 3035RE transit buses built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with ZF model 8018 steering gears. These gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer. This could potentially allow the recirculation balls to escape from the recirculation ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. The operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering. Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash. Champion Bus is working with Freightliner and ZF to replace the steering gear (please see 07V343 and 07E049). This recall was the subject of EQ07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Freightliner at 1-800-547-0712 or Champion Bus at 1-937-596-6849. 08V-068

Goshen is recalling 90 MY 2006-2007 GC II buses built on General Motors 560 chassis and equipped with an Intermotive Gateway 401 module interlock harness. These buses have been found to exhibit extreme voltage spikes during engine cranking. These extreme spikes can damage the diode in the harness near the shift lock solenoid connector. If the diode fails in the shorted condition, the Gateway 401 module can be damaged. If this occurs, the shift lock solenoid may not engage. If this lock does not engage, the vehicle will have the ability to move while the wheelchair lift is deployed which may result in personal injury. Intermotive is handling the remedy for this campaign (please see 08E004). Intermotive will replace the defective harness free of charge. Owners may contact Intermotive at 1-800-969-6080 or Goshen Coach at 1-937-596-6849. 08V-069

Monaco is recalling 1,733 MY 2006-2007 Diplomat and Holiday Rambler Endeavor motor homes equipped with wiper systems supplied by AM Equipment. The drive motor link becomes disengaged during operation from the wiper drive arm where it attaches to the drive arm causing the wiper system to fail. When the wiper system fails, the operator will have reduced visibility which could result in a crash. Monaco will replace the complete under-the-hood wiper system with a new model, reusing the wiper arm and blades. The recall is expected to begin March 2008. Owners may contact Monaco at 1-800-685-6545. 08V-070

Hyosung is recalling 3,292 MY 2005-2007 GT650 and GV650 motorcycles. These motorcycles were built with fuel tank cap gaskets that prevent proper tank ventilation. This could result in vehicle stalling increasing the risk of a crash and/or fuel leakage which could result in a fire. Dealers will modify the existing gas cap gasket. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE07-056, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Hyosung at 1-770-447-5571. 08V-071

Bentley is recalling 4 MY 2004 and 2006 Continental GT and Continental Flying Spur vehicles. The passenger air bag replacement trimmed covers have been manufactured with tethers of an incorrect length. In the event of a crash, this could result in damage to the air bag itself during deployment increasing the risk of injuries. Dealers will replace the passenger's air bag cover free of charge. The recall is expected during March 2008. Owners may contact Bentley at 1-248-754-6137. 08V-072

Eldorado National - California (ENC) is recalling 106 MY 2004-2007 AXESS, E-Z Rider II and Transmark RE rear engine buses built with Cummins ISL or ISC diesel engines and equipped with the CM850 fuel system. The engine high pressure fuel lines from the engine high pressure pump to the engine fuel rail are prone to failure. The fuel line failures have been determined to be caused by prolonged vibration. Failure typically occurs at or under the fuel line fitting attachments. Failure of the fuel line introduces high pressure atomized diesel fuel into the engine compartment. Fuel into the engine compartment creates a risk of fire due to possible ignition when the fuel vapor comes in contact with hot surfaces. ENC will work with Cummins to install a support bracket on the high pressure fuel lines free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. This recall was the subject of EQ08-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact ENC at 1-909-591-9557. 08V-073

NABI recalled 25 MY 2006 40LFW transit buses equipped with Cummins ISL diesel engines. The high pressure fuel line may crack, allowing high pressure diesel fuel into the engine compartment. If the line cracks and certain conditions are present, an increase of fire risk could exist. All vehicles have been corrected. This recall was the subject of EQ08-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-074

Newmar is recalling 409 MY 2007-2008 All Star, Dutch Star, Ventana, and Kountry Star Diesel Pusher motor home chassis. There may be a loose connection between the bus bar and a grid pad due to the pins being slightly smaller diameters after assembly. Electrical power may be lost to components of the major chassis operating systems (engine, transmission, starting, cooling) causing the vehicle to shut down and/or not be capable of powering up. Each vehicle could potentially experience a unique circumstance where one or a combination of the following conditions could occur: loss of electrical power to the engine, transmission, starting and engine cooling systems, operation of the right chassis stop/turn signal and right trailer stop/turn signal, the antilock brake system, auxiliary brake system, the heater elements in the air dryer, and the heater element in the water-in-fuel separator. Newmar is working with Spartan to repair these vehicles (please see 07V363). The DVEC bussmann box will be replaced. Owners may contact Spartan at 1-517-543-6400 or Newmar at 1-574-773-7791. 08V-075

Porsche is recalling 5,573 MY 2008 Cayenne V6 vehicles. A fuel line in the plenum panel area may contact the rear engine compartment cover. Relative movements of the engine while driving may cause knocking noises and chafing on the fuel line. A fuel leak may develop. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in a fire. Dealers will reroute the fuel line and install an additional spacer ring free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Porsche at 1-800-767-7243. 08V-076



Blue Bird is recalling 607 MY 2004-2007 All American rear engine school buses and MY 2006-2007 Xcel 102 commercial series transit buses equipped with Cummins ISC engines. The high pressure fuel line may crack, allowing high pressure diesel fuel into the engine compartment. This condition creates the potential for a risk of fire in the engine compartment should the atomized diesel fuel vapor contact an ignition source. Owners will be advised to contact their Cummins dealers to have the repair work performed as soon as possible. The recall is expected to begin on or about March 18, 2008. This recall was the subject of EQ08-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Blue Bird at 1-478-822-2242. 08V-077

Newmar is recalling 109 MY 2008-2009 Bay Star, Canyon Star, Kountry Aire, Torrey Pine, Ventana Diesel Pusher, All Star Diesel Pusher, Kountry Star Diesel Pusher, and Dutch Star Diesel Pusher Class A motor homes and fifth wheel travel trailers equipped with Atwood sealed burner ranges. The range and slide-in burner tubes leading from the gas manifold to the burner heads had a depression or "kink" in the exterior bend restricting proper airflow and gas mixture. This condition could result in carbon monoxide poisoning. Newmar is working with Atwood to have the tubes replaced on these ranges (please see 07E030). This recall was the subject of EQ07-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Atwood at 1-800-348-7418 or Newmar at 1-574-773-7791. 08V-078

Sutphen is recalling 56 MY 2006 fire truck chassis equipped with TRW steering gears, Model TAS85. These steering gears contain potentially defective sector shafts with an incorrect gear tooth which may interfere with the rack-piston teeth, resulting in a sticking or binding condition. This condition has the potential to cause the steering gear to stall and restrict the steering turning angle of the vehicle which could result in a vehicle crash. Sutphen is working with TRW to replace the defective steering gear (please see 07E101). The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. This recall was the subject of EQ08-002, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact TRW at 1-765-429-1768 or Sutphen at 1-866-287-5549. 08V-079

Southeast Toyota is recalling 1,555 MY 2007 Tundra vehicles equipped with 18" installed Enkei wheels (option code WN1 or WN4) or 20" BBS wheels (option code WV1 or WV4). When the vehicle was processed at the port, an alloy tire/wheel upgrade was installed. The upgrade included 4 alloy wheels with attaching wheel nuts. The wheel nuts can crack and break if the wheels are not installed carefully or if the wheel nuts are not carefully tightened. This condition could occur at the time of wheel installation, tire rotation or service. If a vehicle's wheel has a cracked or broken wheel nut condition and the wheel becomes loose and falls off the vehicle without warning, a crash could occur. Dealers will replace the attaching wheel nuts. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Southeast Toyota at 1-800-301-6859. 08V-080

Zimmerman is recalling one MY 2006 Sterling LT 8500 equipped with a Watson & Chalin auxiliary axle. The lower cast arms could fracture which could affect the suspension's ability to lift the axle when it is not needed. Warnings of a situation where one side of the unit does not lift as much as the other side, a vertical vibration or erratic behavior of the suspension could occur increasing the risk of a crash. Watson & Chalin will notify owners and provide repair kits along with repair instructions. This recall was the subject of EQ07-005, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Watson & Chalin Manufacturing at 1-800-445-0736 or Zimmerman Industries at 1-888-577-6499. 08V-081

Ford is recalling 434,593 MY 2005-2008 Mustang vehicles for failing to comply with one of the neck injury requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection," for an unbelted 5th percentile female sitting in the passenger seat while it is in the full forward position. During an air bag deployment, if a small female in the front passenger seat is not wearing the safety belt, and has the seat in the full forward position, there may be an increased potential for a neck injury. Dealers will reprogram the restraint control module free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. This recall was the subject of an investigation, OA-208-061002F, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance. Owners may contact Ford at 1-866-436-7332 or through email to [www.ownerconnection.com](http://www.ownerconnection.com). 08V-082

K-TEC is recalling 129 MY 2006-2008 International Class 8 truck tractors equipped with SAF-Holland Simplex fifth wheels. The latch lever pivot bolt assembly may have been over-tightened which could distort the pivot bolt spacer sleeve. Corrosion or contaminants in the pivot may cause it to bind and prevent the fifth wheel jaw from latching securely around the trailer king pin. There is a possibility that the fifth wheel may fail to latch without the driver's knowledge. When this occurs, the driver could drive away and the trailer could become disengaged increasing the risk of a crash. K-TEC is working with SAF-Holland. SAF-Holland will send a repair kit to owners free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on or about March 17, 2008. This recall was the subject of EQ07-007, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact SAF-Holland at 1-888-396-6501 ext. 4343 or K-TEC at 1-937-845-3804. 08V-083

Fleetwood is recalling 50 MY 2008 Fiesta and Terra model motor homes. The entry step attachment cradle/support may bend as a result of step usage and insufficient structural material strength, causing the step to become unstable. If the step were unstable, this could possibly result in a risk of personal injury, vehicle and/or other property damage. Fleetwood will inspect and, if necessary, reinforce the entry step attachment cradle/support. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact Fleetwood at 1-800-509-3418. 08V-084

Daimler Trucks is recalling 2,000 MY 2005-2008 Business Class M2 106 Vocational trucks for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lights, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." These vehicles did not have front side reflex reflectors installed. Under certain conditions during darkness, visibility of the truck may be impaired and a crash may occur. Dealers will add reflectors to the hood. The recall is expected to begin during April 2008. Owners may contact Daimler Trucks at 1-800-547-0712. 08V-085

Hyundai Translead is recalling 605 MY 2006 converter dolly trailers equipped with SAF-Holland Simplex fifth wheels. A deformed spacer may prevent the lever bar from fully articulating, thus preventing the sliding lock from engaging the jaw in the coupled position around the trailer kingpin. Failure of the fifth wheel to fully couple with the trailer could result in the trailer detaching when in motion causing serious damage and /or death. Hyundai Translead is working with SAF-Holland. SAF-Holland will send a repair kit to owners free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. This recall was the subject of EQ07-007, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact SAF-Holland at 1-888-396-6501 ext. 4343 or Hyundai Translead at 1-619-680-3144. 08V-086

Daimler Trucks is recalling 93,552 MY 2001-2008 Thomas Built ER, MVP EF, MVP ER, FS-65, HDX, Minotour, and Saf-T-Liner C2 school buses manufactured between November 2000 and March 10, 2008. The emergency exit door handle begins corroding around the securing roll pin and square drive mechanism causing the protective finish to chip and flake. Continued corrosion and pitting weakens the handle. Handles weakened by corrosion may break while trying to open the door from the exterior. In the event of an emergency, a person on the outside of the bus may break the door handle trying to open the emergency exit potentially delaying evacuation and increasing the risk of personal injury to the vehicle's occupants. Thomas Built dealers will replace the handles with a more robust handle free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on or about May 2, 2008. This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE07-054, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Thomas Built at 1-336-889-4871. 08V-087

Daimler Trucks is recalling 760 MY 2003-2007 Thomas Built FS-65, HDX, Minotour, MVP EF, and Saf-T-Liner C2 school buses manufactured between July 6, 2005 and July 19, 2006, equipped with Braun wheelchair lifts, Models NL, NCL, or NVL. The threshold warning system of the subject model wheelchair lifts fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles." Should the threshold warning system fail to operate, the lift user can fall from the vehicle and be seriously injured. Thomas Built will provide a free remedy. The recall is expected to begin on or about April 25, 2008. Owners may contact Thomas Built at 1-336-889-4871. 08V-088

International is recalling 34,993 MY 2007-2008 CECB, CESB, FECB, FESB, HC, RECD, RESB, 1300, 3200, 4300, 7300, 7500, CXT, MY 2007 3300, 8500, RXT, MY 2006-2007 4400, MY 2006-2007 4400, and MY 2006-2008 7400 school buses, transit buses and heavy duty truck/tractors manufactured between June 1, 2006 and June 28, 2007, equipped with International DT466 or DT570 engines. The base plate of the engine oil cooler may crack allowing pressurized oil to leak into the engine compartment. This condition may cause either engine shut down without warning, or in extreme cases, possible engine fire which can lead to property damage, personal injury, or death. International will notify owners and repair the vehicles free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on or about April 18, 2008. Owners may contact International at 1-800-448-7825. 08V-089

Harley-Davidson is recalling 5,947 MY 2005-2007 FLHP, FLHPI, FLHTP, FLHTPI, FLHPE and FLHPEI police and escort motorcycles equipped with an antilock brake system (ABS). Inconsistencies in the routing of the brake lines can cause abrasion of the brake lines and hoses. In some cases, this condition has caused brake fluid leaks. Loss of brake fluid could lead to loss of brake function, increasing the risk of a crash resulting in injury or death. Dealers will inspect and replace the brake lines, if necessary. Brake line retention and clutch cable positioning devices will also be installed to prevent future abrasion to the brake lines. The recall is expected to begin on or about March 10, 2008. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson at 1-414-342-4680. 08V-090

Honda is recalling 273,000 MY 2004-2008 Acura TL vehicles. Prolonged high under-hood temperatures may cause the power steering hose to deteriorate prematurely causing the hose to crack and leak power steering fluid. Power steering fluid leaking onto a hot catalytic converter will generate smoke and possibly lead to an under-hood fire. Dealers will install a new heat resistant power steering hose free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. Owners may contact Acura at 1-800-382-2238. 08V-091

Honda is recalling 129,600 MY 2004-2005 Acura TL vehicles. If water enters the windshield wiper motor breather port, which is designed to allow the motor to vent warm air during normal operation, it can result in corrosion inside the motor housing. This could cause a failure of the electrical circuit breaker inside the motor housing. If the circuit breaker fails, it will cause the windshield wiper motor to become inoperative, which can increase the likelihood of a crash in certain conditions. Dealers will inspect the windshield wiper motor for signs of corrosion. If no signs of corrosion are present, a snorkel tube will be added to the wiper motor breather port to prevent water from entering the wiper motor housing and foam tape will be installed on the cowl above the wiper motor to direct water away from the wiper motor. If signs of corrosion damage are observed on the wiper motor, the motor will be replaced, and the breather tube and foam tape will also be installed to prevent water intrusion on the new wiper motor. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE07-060, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Acura at 1-800-382-2238. 08V-092

Sun Valley is recalling 603 MY 2000-2004 X-Treme fifth wheel and travel trailers and MY 2002 X-Tra Lite truck campers equipped with a two-door refrigerator manufactured by the Dometic Corporation. The refrigerator may have a defect in the boiler tube. Pressurized coolant solution could be released into an area where an ignition source (gas flame) is present. Release of coolant under certain conditions could ignite and result in a fire. Sun Valley will be working with Dometic in order to repair these refrigerators (please see 06e076). Dometic will repair these refrigerators by installing a secondary burn housing, a thermal fuse, and a melt fuse free of charge. Dometic has retained Stericycle Inc. to manage this campaign. Stericycle will assist the owner in locating dealerships or service centers and will provide assistance with scheduling of appointments. This recall was the subject of EQ06-019, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. Owners may contact Dometic at 1-888-446-5157, Stericycle at 1-317-860-1163, or Sun Valley at 1-800-327-7684. 08V-093

Mitsubishi is recalling 5,400 MY 2007-2008 Outlander passenger vehicles originally sold in or currently registered in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia. For vehicles without an electric power seat, the floor harness connector for the power seat is placed directly on the floorboard underneath the carpeting (vehicles with power seats already have the harness elevated). If a vehicle occupant enters the vehicle with a sufficient amount of snow on their feet containing road salt, it is possible for the melted snow mixture to soak the carpet and allow the salt-water solution to come into contact with the unused power seat harness connector. The connector terminal may corrode and allow current to flow, resulting in the gradual heating and melting of the connector and may result in a fire. Dealers will relocate the floor harness beneath

both the passenger and driver seats to above the carpet and away from the bottom of the floorboard to prevent contact with any future melt solution. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. Owners may contact Mitsubishi at 1-800-222-0037. 08V-094

Stoughton is recalling 366 MY 2007-2008 DDW-S AR dollies equipped with SAF-Holland Simplex fifth wheels. The latch lever pivot bolt assembly may have been over-tightened which could distort the pivot bolt spacer sleeve. Corrosion or contaminants in the pivot may cause it to bind and prevent the fifth wheel jaw from latching securely around the trailer king pin. There is a possibility that the fifth wheel may fail to latch without the driver's knowledge. When this occurs, the driver could drive away and the trailer could become disengaged increasing the risk of a crash. Stoughton is working with SAF-Holland. SAF-Holland will send a repair kit to owners free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. Owners may contact SAF-Holland at 1-888-396-6501 ext. 4343 or Stoughton at 1-608-873-2565. 08V-095

Ford is recalling 87,515 MY 2008 F250, F350, F450, and F550 vehicles for failing to comply with all the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 207, "Seating Systems." Some 40% split and captain's chair driver's seats, equipped with lumbar supports, may have improper welds at the joint of the seat back pivot bracket and the seat back frame. In the event of a crash, the seat side pivot bracket may crack or break, increasing the risk of injury to the seat occupant. Dealers will add reinforcement to the driver's seat back frame on the 40% split or captain's chair seat equipped with lumbar support or, if necessary, the seat back frame will be replaced. The recall is expected to begin on or about March 24, 2008. Owners may contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673. 08V-096

International is recalling MY 2008-2009 4000, 5000, 7000, 8000, 9000 and ProStar truck/tractors equipped with Bendix MV-3 dash control valves. The molded valve body has an incorrect core pin in the injection mold causing the valve body to be oversized in the double check valve area. This condition can allow the rubber double check valve to become lodged in the body opening under certain circumstances. If the double check valve becomes lodged, in the event of a primary reservoir failure, air pressure can leak past the lodged double check valve thereby depleting the secondary reservoir. This can cause reduced ability for modulating the service emergency brakes increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the Bendix MV-3 dash control valves free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on or about April 18, 2008. Owners may contact International at 1-800-448-7825. 08V-097

Monaco is recalling 122 MY 2006-2007 Camelot and Holiday Rambler Scepter Class A motor homes. The rubber liquid propane (LP) hose on the back of the refrigerator may have extra length of hose. This extra hose should have been pulled back by the main house connection and secured. This extra hose potentially can be damaged by heat from the burner tube if the hose comes in contact with the burner flue. If the hose is in contact with the burner flue for an extended period of time, the hose can melt causing an LP leak with the possibility of a fire. Dealers will inspect the refrigerator compartment and for excess LP hose. If the hose is not damaged, it will be secured with a clamp away from the burner flue. If the hose shows any sign of melting or fatigue, it will be replaced free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during late March 2008. Owners may contact Monaco at 1-800-685-6545. 08V-098